

REMARKS

Rejections

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 101

Method claims 1, 2, 4, 9-11 and 13-17 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 101 as directed toward non-patentable subject matter. Claims 15 and 16 have been cancelled. Independent claims 1 and 9 have been amended to claim the writing of a data structure to a data store to enable subsequently querying a multimedia sequence represented by the data structure. Claim 4 as originally filed claimed running a query so no new matter has been added by the amendments. In addition, claims 1 and 9 have been amended to specify that the methods are executable by an audio visual information system.

Because the amended method claims produce a concrete and tangible result, and are executable by specific hardware, Applicant requests the withdrawal of the rejection of claims 1, 2, 4, 9-11, 13, 14 and 17 under 35 U.S.C. § 101.

Allowable Subject Matter

Applicant thanks the Examiner for indicating that claims 16 and 25 contain allowable subject matter. Applicant has amended independent claims 1, 5, 9 and 18 to incorporate the allowable subject matter, and has cancelled claims 15, 16, 24 and 25. Applicant respectfully submits that claims 1, 5, 9, and 18, and the claims that depend from them, are allowable as a result of the amendments.

SUMMARY

Claims 1-2, 4-6, 8-11, 13, 14, 17-20, 22, 23, and 26 are currently pending. In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicant respectfully submits that the pending claims are in condition for allowance. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the application and allowance of the pending claims.

If the Examiner determines the prompt allowance of these claims could be facilitated by a telephone conference, the Examiner is invited to contact Sue Holloway at (408) 720-3476.

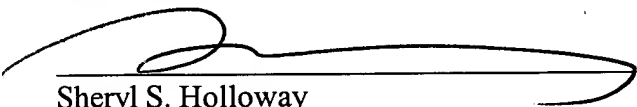
Deposit Account Authorization

Authorization is hereby given to charge our Deposit Account No. 02-2666 for any charges that may be due. Furthermore, if an extension is required, then Applicant hereby requests such extension.

Respectfully submitted,

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